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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 17 March to 16 April 1952

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 1 May 1952

REFERENCES 25X1

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. [redacted] a construction work inspected the installation during the period from 17 through 22 March 1952. Several tractors and plows had arrived at the field, and preparations for the construction of a runway were observed.
2. No flying was observed at the field on 3 April. The hangars were open and were being cleaned. A group of five surveyors led by an officer was observed. No flying was observed between 3 and 10 April. On 11 April, a military celebration appeared to be held at the field. Firing was heard throughout the day at the target range. About 10 a.m. a military band was playing. At the same time, two jet fighters landed at the field the boundaries of which were marked by little flags. The two fighters continued to take off and land at intervals of about 30 minutes until about 5 p.m. A ground signal was fired from a pistol before each landing. At 4 p.m., a twin jet plane circled once over the field at a low altitude. There was no change in the status of the field between 12 and 16 April.

25X1 * Comment. The report indicates that construction work at Oranienburg airfield, which according to previous information was scheduled to be started on 15 April 1952, has not yet been begun. However, the arrival of building machinery indicates construction work will soon begin.

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